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RHODE ISLAND JOBS INCREASE TO 449,900 IN FEBRUARY

Total establishment employment in Rhode Island increased by 1,000 jobs in February, mainly the result of gains in the Durable Goods portion of the Manufacturing sector along with some additional hiring in Services and Government, reported John S. Renza, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security.

According to preliminary estimates prepared by the Department of Employment Security in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, Rhode Island employment totalled 449,900 in February. This figure represents a gain of 1,000 jobs and is 3,800 greater than the year ago level of 446,100.

MANUFACTURING

Overall Manufacturing employment in Rhode Island rose by 700 from January to February; however, the current total of 113,000 is 1,600 less than the February 1988 level of 114,600. In the Durable Goods category, the February employment figure of 76,600 was up 1,000 from the prior month, but reflected a decrease of 1,100 compared to a year ago. Payroll levels in the Nondurable Goods producing industries declined 300 in the January-February period to 36,400, which was 500 below the figure recorded in February 1988.

Within the Durable Goods category, the most substantial monthly job gains occurred in Primary Metals and Jewelry-Silverware (+400 each), followed by an upturn of 200 in Fabricated Metals. Smaller advances were reported in Stone-Clay-Glass and the Miscellaneous Manufacturing segment (+100 each). In contrast, monthly downturns of 100 each were registered in Nonelectrical Machinery and Instruments, while employment in the remaining industries was unchanged during this period.

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EMPLOYERS! HELP YOURSELF BY HELPING YOUTH THIS SUMMER

This summer you can give a young person the chance of a lifetime - for a lifetime of success!

Your firm or business can save in taxes by taking a credit for hiring young people into summer jobs. Again in 1989 the Targeted Jobs Tax Credit program allows you to give youngsters an opportunity for a job and give your business a tax break at the same time.

By hiring an eligible young person between May 1 and September 15 you can earn a tax credit of 40% of the first $3,000 paid in wages to each eligible employee.

To be eligible for the tax credit, the young person you hire must be:

* 16-17 years of age
* Economically disadvantaged
* First-time employee of your company
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The Targeted Jobs Tax Credit program is different and . . .it's easy. Only two simple forms are used to establish the new worker's eligibility for the credit. The Rhode Island Job Service will do the determination for you.

List your TJTC Summer Youth job orders with the Rhode Island Job Service. Call 277-3588 or any local office of the Job Service listed on page 2 of this Bulletin.

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RHODE ISLAND JOB SERVICE OFFICES

BRISTOL COUNTY, 470 Metacom Ave	245-9300
EAST PROVIDENCE, 877 Broadway	277-3546
NEWPORT COUNTY, 73 Valley Road	
Middletown	847-3680
PAWTUCKET, 109 Main St	722-7500
PROVIDENCE, 130 West Exchange St	
Jewelry	277-3553
Manufacturing & Construction	277-3556
Professional & Clerical	277-3584
Temporary Help	277-3559
WAKEFIELD, Oliver Stedman Gov't Center	
Tower Hill Road	789-9721
WARWICK, 50 Airport Road	737-9624
WESTERLY, 57 Spruce Street	596-2814
WEST WARWICK, 1330 Main St	828-6134
WOONSOCKET, 217 Pond St	762-9010

OTHER JOB SERVICE TELEPHONE NUMBERS

JOB BANK	277-3588
TJTC Information	277-3726
TJTC Job Orders	277-3726
Employer Relations Unit	277-3458
Jobs for Rhode Island Graduates	277-6813
CALL-A-TEEN	
Call your local Job Service Office	
Project STEADY	277-6813

EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	Feb 1989	Jan 1989	Feb 1988
Total Placements	509	524	612
New Applications	3,014	3,124	2,522
New Openings Received	971	1,169	1,261

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	Feb 1989	Jan 1989	Feb 1988
Initial Claims	7,152	9,730	7,520
No. of Payments	60,108	64,465	57,670
Amt. of Payment	$ 10,846,380	$ 11,228,265	$ 9,482,055
Exhaustions	833	940	764

TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE ACTIVITIES

	Feb 1989	Jan 1989	Feb 1988
Initial Claims	3,691	3,815	3,823
No. of Payments	24,063	27,039	27,649
Amt. of Payments	$ 4,228,159	$ 4,699,351	$ 4,529,850

RHODE ISLAND

Labor Force - Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	February 1989	January 1989	February 1988
Civilian Labor Force	527.6	525.0	508.8
Unemployment	19.3	16.8	17.4
Rate (Unadjusted)	3.7	3.2	3.4
Seasonally Adjusted Rate	3.4	3.2	3.2

PROVIDENCE

Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	January 1989	December 1988	January 1988
Civilian Labor Force	343.9	351.4	336.2
Unemployment	10.2	7.0	9.6
Rate (Unadjusted)	3.0	2.0	2.9

PAWTUCKET - WOONSOCKET - ATTLEBORO

Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	January 1989	December 1988	January 1988
Civilian Labor Force	165.6	166.8	164.9
Unemployment	7.3	4.8	6.8
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.4	2.9	4.1

NEWPORT Labor Area

Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	January 1989	December 1988	January 1988
Civilian Labor Force	35,740	35,755	33,995
Unemployment	1,065	605	975
Rate (Unadjusted)	3.0	1.7	2.9

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED IN RHODE ISLAND FEBRUARY 20-24, 1989

Sex and Age	Number	Percent
Total	16,904	100.0
Men	11,930	70.6
Under 45	8,541	71.6
45 and Over	3,389	28.4
Women	4,974	29.4
Under 45	3,307	66.5
45 and Over	1,667	33.5
Industry Attachment		
Contract Construction	4,574	27.1
Manufacturing	4,642	27.5
Public Utilities	634	3.7
Wholesale and Retail	2,466	14.6
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	578	3.4
Service	1,832	10.8
All Other	2,178	12.9
Occupational Skills		
Prof., Tech. and Managerial	2,494	14.7
Clerical and Sales	2,287	13.5
Service	1,364	8.1
Fishery, Forestry & Rel. Occ	964	5.7
Processing	607	3.6
Machine Trades	1,432	8.5
Bench Work	1,501	8.9
Structural Work	4,753	28.1
Miscellaneous	1,501	8.9
INA	1	0.0

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			NET CHANGE FROM	
	Feb 1989	Jan 1989	Feb 1988	Jan – Feb 1989	Feb 1988
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT*	449 9	448 9	446 1	+ 1,000	+ 3,800
MANUFACTURING	113 0	112 3	114 6	+ 700	- 1,600
NONMANUFACTURING	336 9	336 6	331 5	- 300	+ 5,400
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	18 5	18 8	17 3	- 300	+ 1,200
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	15 1	15 1	15 2	- 0	- 100
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	101 9	102 1	100 7	- 200	+ 1,200
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	26 4	26 4	26 3	- 0	+ 100
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	114 4	113 7	112 6	+ 700	+ 1,800
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	60 6	60 5	59 4	+ 100	+ 1,200

1989 Figures are PRELIMINARY 1988 Figures are REVISED Estimates are for Pay Period which includes the 12th of the month

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* Farmers, Self-employed, Domestic and Armed Services personnel are excluded

**Labor Dispute

ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			Net Change From		PRODUCTION-WORKER AVERAGES Weekly Earnings		Weekly Hours		Hourly Earnings	
	Feb 1989	Jan 1989	Feb 1988	Jan 1989	Feb 1988	Feb 1989	Feb 1988	Feb 1989	Feb 1988	Feb 1989	Feb 1988
ALL MANUFACTURING	113 0	112 3	114 6	+ 700	-1600	349 05	334 36	39 0	39 9	8 95	8 38
DURABLE GOODS	76 6	75 6	77 7	+ 1000	-1100	345 43	329 87	38 9	39 6	8 88	8 33
LUMBER/FURNITURE	3 0	3 0	3 0	0	0	413 28	413 24	39 7	41 2	10 41	10 03
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	1 8	1 7	1 7	+ 100	+ 100	483 29	425 17	43 5	41 0	11 11	10 37
PRIMARY METALS	4 6	4 2	4 7	+ 400	- 100	391 72	403 20	40 3	42 0	9 72	9 60
FABRICATED METALS	8 8	8 6	8 8	+ 200	0	331 85	320 00	39 6	39 9	8 38	8 02
NONELECTRIC MACH	5 6	5 7	6 1	- 100	- 500	474 90	448 67	42 9	43 1	11 07	10 41
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY	11 4	11 4	11 6	0	- 200	338 35	307 49	39 9	40 3	8 48	7 63
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP	9 4	9 4	9 0	0	+ 400	460 45	459 50	39 9	41 1	11 54	11 18
INSTRUMENTS	4 7 *	4 8 *	4 8 *	- 100	- 100	355 09	332 90	38 1	40 4	9 32	8 24
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	21 2	20 8	21 9	+ 400	- 700	267 04	258 23	37 4	38 6	7 14	6 69
MISCELLANEOUS MFG	6 1	6 0	6 1	+ 100	0	285 96	241 37	35 7	33 9	8 01	7 12
NONDURABLE GOODS	36 4	36 7	36 9	- 300	- 500	358 02	343 85	39 3	40 5	9 11	8 49
FOOD-BEVERAGE	3 0	3 0	3 0	0	0	331 13	306 38	37 8	37 5	8 76	8 17
TEXTILES	10 1	10 0	10 3	+ 100	- 200	322 39	306 99	40 4	40 5	7 98	7 58
APPAREL	2 2	2 2	2 6	0	- 400	292 04	296 65	39 2	42 5	7 45	6 98
PAPER PRODUCTS	2 6	2 6	2 6	0	0	336 07	312 48	40 2	40 9	8 36	7 64
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	6 9	7 0	7 0	- 100	- 100	459 56	450 04	36 3	39 1	12 66	11 51
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3 3	3 4	3 2	- 100	+ 100	430 95	448 28	39 0	41 7	11 05	10 75
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1 3	1 3	1 2	0	+ 100	370 06	362 44	40 8	41 9	9 07	8 65
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	5 0	5 0	5 0	0	0	367 54	359 54	39 1	42 2	9 40	8 52
LEATHER PRODUCTS	2 0	2 2	2 0	- 200	0	275 14	233 17	42 2	38 1	6 52	6 12

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WHENEVER YOU NEED WORKERS CONTACT RHODE ISLAND JOB SERVICE

Compared to February 1988, the largest employment increase was reported in Transportation Equipment (+400). Also up from its year ago total was Stone-Clay-Glass (+100). These gains, however, were more than offset by annual declines in Jewelry-Silverware (-700), Nonelectrical Machinery (-500), Electrical Machinery (-200), Primary Metals and Instruments (-100 each). Job levels in Lumber/Furniture, Fabricated Metals and the Miscellaneous Manufacturing segment showed no change from the same month a year ago.

Among the Nondurable Goods producing industries, the sole monthly job increase was recorded in Textiles (+100). Contrary to this, monthly decreases were posted in Leather Products (-200), Printing-Publishing and Chemical Products (-100 each), while the remaining industries were unchanged from January.

On an annual comparison, employment upturns occurred in Chemical Products and Rubber Products (+100) each). A reduction of 400 jobs was reported in Apparel, followed by declines in Textiles and Printing-Publishing of 200 and 100, respectively. Employment levels in Food-Beverage, Paper Products, Plastics Products and Leather Products posted no change compared to a year ago.

NONMANUFACTURING

Overall employment in Rhode Island's Nonmanufacturing sector advanced by 300 from January to February as a result of gains in Services and Government, which overshadowed seasonal decreases in Contract Construction and Trade. Moreover, the current job total of 336,900 is 5,400 more than the year ago level of 331,500.

The Service industry registered the largest monthly increase in the Nonfactory sector, expanding its workforce by 700. At 114,400, the category was up 1,800 from a year ago. Overall Government employment, at 60,600, rose 100 for the month and increased 1,200 on an annual basis. Although Contract Construction jobs fell seasonally by 300 to the February level of 18,500, this segment showed a gain of 1,200 compared to the same month a year ago. Similarly, employment in Wholesale and Retail Trade declined 200 from last month; however, at 101,900, this sector is 1,200 jobs greater than the year earlier total. Transportation and Public Utilities, at 15,100, and Finance, Insurance and Real Estate, at 26,400, showed no employment change in the January-February period. Nevertheless, on an annual comparison, the former declined by 100 while the latter was up by 100 jobs.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers remained unchanged at $8.95 in February, but were up 57 cents compared to one year ago. The average work week decreased by 0.1 of an hour in February to 39.0 hours, which was 0.9 of an hour less than the February 1988 work week. Average weekly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers in February amounted to $349.05, representing a decline of 90 cents from last month, but a gain of $14.69 compared to the same month a year ago.

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